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Docket No. : 1001.1725101

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AMENDMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 CFR §1.111

Mail Stop AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Examiner:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed November 1, 2006, with a three month shortened statutory period for response ending on February 1, 2007. This paper is filed within the set period for response such that no extension of time is necessary.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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